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Responsive to the written restriction requirement of July 22, 2005, Applicant hereby elects without traverse:

Group II claims 21-30, drawn to a method of making a composite intermediate layer, classified in class 156, subclass 60.

Applicant further reserves all rights with regard to filing a divisional application to those claims and subject matter within Group I.

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